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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING  
INFORMATION AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed August 19, 2011, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.